

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
April 14, 2009

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Manager's Conference Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico County, Virginia.

Members of the Board Present:

David A. Kaechele, Chairman, Three Chopt District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Vice Chairman, Tuckahoe District
James B. Donati, Jr., Varina District
Richard W. Glover, Brookland District
Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District

Other Officials Present:

Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
Barry R. Lawrence CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Tanya B. Harding, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk to the Board
George T. Drumwright, Jr., Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Angela N. Harper, Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Leon T. Johnson, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services
C. Michael Schnurman, Jr., Legislative Liaison

Mr. Kaechele called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett announced that the agenda items would be presented in reverse order so that the 2009 Legislative Recap could be presented during dinner.

Energy Generation at Springfield Landfill

Mr. Hazelett recognized Art Petrini, Director of Public Utilities, who narrated a Power Point presentation on this topic. Mr. Petrini offered background information on energy generation at Springfield Landfill, noting that the landfill produces methane gas at 900 cubic feet per minute that is currently burned in a flare. The methane is an energy source but is not providing any revenue for the County. The County received six proposals from specialized Landfill Gas (LFG) to energy firms in response to a request for proposals (RFP) issued on August 29, 2008 titled "Energy Utilization of Landfill Gas and Greenhouse Gas Credits." Two firms were interviewed and INGENCO Distributed Energy, a Henrico based company, was selected. Mr.

Petrini briefly reviewed INGENCO's history and reputation. He also reviewed the benefits of this proposed methane energy agreement, which is projected to generate annual revenues for the County of \$200,000 to \$400,000. Mr. Petrini's presentation also addressed Greenhouse Gas Credits, which is another potential revenue source for the County, and the location and design of the proposed INGENCO generating plant.

Steve Yob, Solid Waste Division Director for the Department of Public Utilities, and Jerry Walker, Energy Manager for the Department of General Services, assisted Mr. Petrini in responding to questions from the Board regarding the number of engines that would be used in the proposed plant; the horsepower, safety record, and fuel consumption of the engines; the design of a diesel tank that would be located outside the plant in a contained area to operate the plant when it is not using landfill gas; and the cost effectiveness of the proposed generating facility. Mr. Walker elaborated on the design of the facility's exhaust system and mufflers in response to concerns expressed by Mr. Glover about the adequacy of the facility's design in absorbing and reducing sound. Mr. Glover would like assurances that there will be minimal noise impact on nearby residential neighborhoods. Mr. Hazelett advised that staff will further investigate these concerns and provide the Board with additional information relating to the facility's sound coefficients and the possibility of including sound barriers on the site. Sound level issues will be resolved before the Board is asked to take formal action on the RFP. Mr. Petrini clarified for Mr. Thornton the location of the six landfill gas facilities currently operating in other areas of the Commonwealth. Mr. Thornton noted the importance of ensuring that the plant proposed for the Springfield Road Landfill is built correctly.

The Board recessed for dinner at 5:04 p.m. and reconvened at 5:10 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett updated the Board on telephone calls and correspondence he has received from citizens concerning the status of capital funds to plan for the new eastern area high school. There was also discussion with the Board regarding how unanticipated revenues such as federal stimulus funds will be addressed in the County's budget.

2009 Legislative Recap

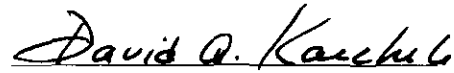
Mr. Hazelett recognized Mike Schnurman, Legislative Liaison, who narrated a Power Point presentation that provided a recap of the 2009 Legislative Session. Mr. Schnurman reviewed the outcome of two bills sponsored by the County, one to acknowledge the 75th anniversary of the Henrico Division of Police and the other to study the distribution of local revenue. He also reviewed the status of constitutional amendments introduced during the session addressing property tax exemptions for the elderly and disabled as well as disabled veterans, the Homestead Act, and the restoration of civil rights, and reviewed the status of legislation relating to a regional transportation authority, elections, local authority, and budget interaction.

During Mr. Schnurman's presentation, Mrs. O'Bannon commented on the Homestead Act and Mr. Glover commented on the history of annexation immunity and House Bill 599 funding. Mr. Kaechele noted that the presentation offered by the County at the dinner meeting with the County's legislative delegation in November 2008 succeeded in making the delegation more

sensitive to the local fiscal impact of bills considered during the 2009 session. He further noted that it was generally a good session for the County.

Mr. Hazelett briefly reviewed the evening's regular meeting agenda, noting that five persons had signed up in advance to speak at the public hearing on the budget. He explained the format of the budget presentation and public hearing. Mrs. O'Bannon suggested that the Board of Supervisors hold joint meetings with the School Board to build relationships and camaraderie. Mr. Hazelett pointed out that any such sessions would have to be advertised as public meetings and also pointed out that the Board of Supervisors and general government staff share information differently than do the School Board and education staff. Mr. Hazelett advised that the applicant for one of the five zoning cases scheduled for public hearing on the evening's agenda had requested a deferral.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia